

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PROGRESS POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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Subject: Frontier Chemical Processes, Inc., Niagara Falls,
Niagara County, NY - Cyanides, Oxidizers, Flam-
mables, Corrosives, Halogenated and
Non-Halogenated Solvents

POLREP NO: Nineteen (19)

II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.: AY
D.O. NO.: 0026-02-036
RESPONSE AUTHORITY: CERCLA/SARA
NPL STATUS: Non-NPL
START DATE: December 22, 1992
APPROVAL STATUS: Authorization of Funding from
Deputy Regional Administrator
STATUS OF INITIAL ACTION MEMO: Signed May 17, 1993
STATUS OF \$2 MILLION/12 MONTH
EXEMPTION ACTION MEMO: Signed March 30, 1994

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. See Polrep #1.

B. Actions Taken

1. The Work Plan submitted by the PRP contractor was approved by EPA on April 1. The PRP contractor mobilized personnel and equipment to the Site on April 4.
2. The PRP contractor has begun verification sampling, QA/QC inspections, and drum preparations for shipment. On April 7 and 8, two trucks containing 160 drums were shipped off-site.
3. ERCS continues to provide maintenance and conduct winterizing activities. Due to the freeze/thaw weather conditions, numerous steam pipes ruptured; ERCS personnel promptly effects repairs. ERCS also continues to overpack leaking drums as necessary.
4. ERCS continued to collect and treat site storm-water runoff prior to approved discharge to the POTW.
5. The tank generator data base has been completed. EPA expects to notify the potentially responsible parties in the near future.
6. On March 30, 1994 the EPA Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response approved EPA Region II's Request for a Ceiling Increase, \$2 Million Exemption, and 12-Month Exemption Action Memorandum. This Action Memo authorizes continued funding of the maintenance actions at the Site and authorizes funding for removal of the tank wastes on-site. EPA will give the PRPs the opportunity to perform the tank removal action. If the PRPs are unwilling to perform the tank action, EPA will implement the work.

C. Future Actions

1. Maintenance of the facility and 24-hour security will continue.
2. Notice letters to the tank PRPs are forthcoming.
3. Drum shipments to off-site disposal facilities will continue.
4. An additional \$100,000 was obligated to the EPA contractor, OHM Remediation.

D. Key Issues

1. As part of the negotiated AOC, EPA will continue to provide maintenance support to the PRP contractor.
2. EPA continued to process information requests as PRPs telephone requests, and mail FOIA requests to the EPA-OSC.

IV. COST INFORMATION:

Note: The costs reflected in this POLREP include additional funding to ERCS, EPA, and TAT that were authorized on March 30, 1994. These costs reflect additional funding approved or maintenance of the facility, but do not reflect the funding authorized for the tank removal action. ERCS ceiling is increased from \$1,565,000 to \$2,434,000. EPA/TAT ceiling is increased from \$390,300 to \$816,300. Amounts listed in cost summary for ERCS summarizes obligated amounts.

(Previous Contractor)
Amount Obligated to ETI

ETI Region II
Contract Costs
As of 12/17/93

Total
Remaining

\$ 1,135,000	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 5,000
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Amount Obligated to
Present Contract
(OHM)

OHM Region II
Contract costs
as of 4/08/94

\$ 530,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 90,000
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* EPA/TAT Costs	\$ 816,300	\$ 380,000	\$ 436,300
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Site Totals	\$ 2,481,300	\$1,950,000	\$ 531,300
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* Note \$ 241,700 funds from EPA and TAT were transferred into ERCS mitigation ceiling.